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# H. R. 1463

To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 1997

Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CUSTOMS AND TRADE AGENCY AUTHORIZA-**  
4 **TIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999.**

5        (a) UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.—

6            (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

7        Section 301(b) of the Customs Procedural Reform

1 and Simplification Act of 1978 (19 U.S.C. 2075(b))  
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 “(1) FOR NONCOMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.—

5 There are authorized to be appropriated for the sala-  
6 ries and expenses of the Customs Service that are  
7 incurred in noncommercial operations not to exceed  
8 the following:

9 “(A) \$665,897,000 for fiscal year 1998.

10 “(B) \$681,518,000 for fiscal year 1999.

11 “(2) FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.—(A)

12 There are authorized to be appropriated for the sala-  
13 ries and expenses of the Customs Service that are  
14 incurred in commercial operations not less than the  
15 following:

16 “(i) \$906,441,000 for fiscal year 1998.

17 “(ii) \$935,447,000 for fiscal year 1999.

18 “(B) The monies authorized to be appropriated  
19 under subparagraph (A) for any fiscal year, except  
20 for such sums as may be necessary for the salaries  
21 and expenses of the Customs Service that are in-  
22 curred in connection with the processing of merchan-  
23 dise that is exempt from the fees imposed under sec-  
24 tion 13031(a) (9) and (10) of the Consolidated Om-

1       nibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, shall be  
2       appropriated from the Customs User Fee Account.

3               “(3) FOR AIR AND MARINE INTERDICTION.—

4       There are authorized to be appropriated for the op-  
5       eration (including salaries and expenses) and main-  
6       tenance of the air and marine interdiction programs  
7       of the Customs Service not to exceed the following:

8               “(A) \$92,758,000 for fiscal year 1998.

9               “(B) \$95,726,000 for fiscal year 1999.”.

10              (2) SUBMISSION OF OUT-YEAR BUDGET PRO-  
11       JECTIONS.—Section 301(a) of the Customs Proce-  
12       dural Reform and Simplification Act of 1978 (19  
13       U.S.C. 2075(b)) is amended by adding at the end  
14       the following:

15       “(3) By no later than the date on which the President  
16       submits to the Congress the budget of the United States  
17       Government for a fiscal year, the Commissioner of Cus-  
18       toms shall submit to the Committee on Ways and Means  
19       of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
20       Finance of the Senate the projected amount of funds for  
21       the succeeding fiscal year that will be necessary for the  
22       operations of the Customs Service as provided for in sub-  
23       section (b).”.

24              (b) OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REP-  
25       RESENTATIVE.—

1           (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2           Section 141(g)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19

3           U.S.C. 2171(g)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

4           “(g)(1)(A) There are authorized to be appropriated  
5 to the Office for the purposes of carrying out its functions  
6 not to exceed the following:

7                   “(i) \$22,092,000 for fiscal year 1998.

8                   “(ii) \$24,300,000 for fiscal year 1999.

9           “(B) Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated  
10 under subparagraph (A) for any fiscal year—

11                   “(i) not to exceed \$98,000 may be used for en-  
12 tertainment and representation expenses of the Of-  
13 fice; and

14                   “(ii) not to exceed \$2,500,000 shall remain  
15 available until expended.”.

16           (2) SUBMISSION OF OUT-YEAR BUDGET PRO-

17           JECTIONS.—Section 141(g) of the Trade Act of

18           1974 is amended by adding at the end the following:

19           “(3) By no later than the date on which the President  
20 submits to the Congress the budget of the United States  
21 Government for a fiscal year, the United States Trade  
22 Representative shall submit to the Committee on Ways  
23 and Means of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
24 mittee on Finance of the Senate the projected amount of

1 funds for the succeeding fiscal year that will be necessary  
2 for the Office to carry out its functions.”.

3 (c) UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COM-  
4 MISSION.—

5 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 Section 330(e)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19  
7 U.S.C. 1330(e)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(2)(A) There are authorized to be appropriated to  
9 the Commission for necessary expenses (including the  
10 rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia and  
11 elsewhere) not to exceed the following:

12 “(i) \$41,980,000 for fiscal year 1998.

13 “(ii) \$46,125,400 for fiscal year 1999.

14 “(B) Not to exceed \$2,500 of the amount authorized  
15 to be appropriated for any fiscal year under subparagraph  
16 (A) may be used, subject to the approval of the Chairman  
17 of the Commission, for reception and entertainment ex-  
18 penses.

19 “(C) No part of any sum that is appropriated under  
20 the authority of subparagraph (A) may be used by the  
21 Commission in the making of any special study, investiga-  
22 tion, or report that is requested by any agency of the execu-  
23 tive branch unless that agency reimburses the Commis-  
24 sion for the cost thereof.”.

1           (2) SUBMISSION OF OUT-YEAR BUDGET PRO-  
2           JECTIONS.—Section 330(e) of the Tariff Act of  
3           1930 is amended by adding at the end the following:  
4           “(4) By no later than the date on which the President  
5           submits to the Congress the budget of the United States  
6           Government for a fiscal year, the Commission shall submit  
7           to the the Committee on Ways and Means of the House  
8           of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the  
9           Senate the projected amount of funds for the succeeding  
10          fiscal year that will be necessary for the Commission to  
11          carry out its functions.”.

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